

HOUSE RESOLUTION 320
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Curtis A. Williams, Sr. of Loudon County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Curtis A. Williams, Sr. of Loudon County, a highly respected community leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Lenoir City High School and attended the University of Tennessee

WHEREAS, a true patriot, he joined the United States Navy during World War II to defend his nation and ensure freedom for future generations; he was an honorable member of a generation of gallant heroes to whom we all owe a great debt of gratitude; and

WHEREAS, after returning home, Mr. Williams continued his invaluable service to humanity and his community throughout his life, earning a wonderful reputation for hard work, dependability, and character; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant served his community in numerous capacities over the years; he was a member of the Loudon County Election Commission, Jury Selection Committee, Lenoir City Housing Authority, Lenoir City Council, Lenoir City Utilities Board, and Loudon County Quarterly Court and as Chairman of the Loudon County Hospital Board, Loudon County Grand Jury Foreman, Lenoir City Fire Commissioner, and Vice Mayor; and

WHEREAS, as an elected official, Mr. Williams earned the respect of his fellow government officials and the citizens of Loudon County for the exemplary quality of his public service, for his unsurpassed work ethic, and for his unquestionable integrity; and

WHEREAS, known throughout the region for his astute leadership, he served as Commander and Tennessee 2nd District Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of the American Legion and the Lenoir City Disabled Veterans;

WHEREAS, during his professional career, Mr. Williams served with acumen and alacrity as Assistant Plant Manager at Charles A. Bacon Company before taking a well deserved retirement after thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout Christian, he was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he was an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will be dearly missed by his beloved wife of fifty-seven years, Tiajaunia “Ty” Plemons Williams; daughters and sons-in-law, Bernita and Charles Gamble and Debbie and Ray Cook; son, Curtis A. Williams, Jr.; brothers, Leon Williams, Ken Gardner, and Richard Gardner; sisters, Katherine Baird and Nelle Stinnett; grandsons, Tim Guider, Curtis A. Williams III, Brian Fritts, Brad Williams, and Andy Williams; granddaughters, DeAnn Bogus and Jennifer Jackson; great-grandchildren, Bryce Gamble, Brianna Fritts, Madison Fritts, Dalton Bogus, and Carissa Williams; brothers-in-law, Coy Plemons and Don Baird; sisters-in-law, Gail Gardner and Linda Plemons; daughter-in-law, Verline Williams; special friends, J.C. and Carol Ingram; the surviving members of the crew he served with on the USS LCSL-82 during World War II, and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his mother, Bertha Moars Williams Gardner; father, Haskel Williams; sister, Ruth Gardner Brashears; infant brother, Edgar; and great-grandson, Jace Rule Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Curtis A. Williams, Sr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of

Curtis A. Williams, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and his estimable service to Loudon County as a civic leader and elected official of the utmost ability and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.